

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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TRANSMISSION FACILITIES IN MAHARASHTRA
NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the cities/towns of Maharashtra where `Doordarshan/All India Radio` transmission facilities have not been provided so far;
- (b) whether the Government propose to establish transmission facilities in these places also;
- (c) if so, the places identified so far; and
- (d) the steps taken to provide this facility at an early date.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): In the State of Maharashtra, some parts of District Garhchiroli, Ratnagiri, Kolhapur and Sindhudurg are not getting adequate radio coverage at present. Thane, Alibag, Kudal and Latur do not have any Doordarshan Transmitter facility, but all the cities/towns in Maharashtra are getting adequate TV coverage, either by a local transmitter or from a nearby transmitter.

(b), (c) & (d): For further expansion of Radio coverage, there is a proposal to set up a 1 KW MW Tr. and a Studio at Oras in District Sindhudurg and to upgrade the power of existing 100 KW MW Tr. at Nagpur to 300 KW MW. Both these schemes are targeted for completion during the year 2001-2002. For further expansion of TV coverage in Maharashtra, 12 transmitter projects (DD1-8, DD2-4) are under implementation at the following places:

(i) DD1 Transmitters :

HPTs - Chandrapur, Jalgaon & Ratnagiri
LPTs - Bhamragad, Dhadgaon & Raver
VLPTs - Ambet & Sakli

(ii) DD2 Transmitters :

HPTs - Pune & Aurangabad
LPTs - Sholapur & Nasik

The uncovered areas will be taken up in the future plans, subject to availability of funds and infrastructure facilities.